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SUBJECT: CAIRO ARAB DEFENSE COUNCIL MEETING

REF: BEIRUT 1826 AND 1996 (NOTAL)

1. LOCAL PRESS, STILL ATTEMPTING PENETRATE GOL NEWS BLACK-
POUT ON SPECIFIC RESULTS OF LAST WEEK'S ARAB DEFENSE COUNCIL
(ADC) MEETING, REPORTED FEB 13 THAT AMOUNT OF AID PLEDGED BY
VARIOUS ARAB GOVTS TO GOL IN CAIRO WAS "FAR MORE GENEROUS"
THAN VARIOUS FIGURES REPORTED BY PRESS TO DATE. INDEPENDENT
AN NAHAR, WHILE MENTIONING NO PRECISE FIGURE, CLAIMED FONMIN
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TAQLA HAD MADE THIS POINT IN HIS FEB 12 REPORT TO CABINET

ON ADC MEETING RESULTS.

2. PRO-LIBYAN AS SAFIR, QUOTING "BEIRUT DIPLOMATIC SOURCES" (READ LIBYAN EMBASSY), SAID OVERALL ARAB AID TO GOL WILL TOTAL DOLS 700 MILLION. ACCORDING TO SAFIR, AID WILL BE GIVEN IN TWO STAGES: (A) GOL TO RECEIVE DOLS 200 MILLION WORTH OF WEAPONS FROM ARAB STATES "IMMEDIATELY" (SYRIA, IRAQ, EGYPT, ALGERIA, AND LIBYA ALLEGEDLY WOULD PROVIDE SOVIET-MADE WEAPONS ALREADY IN THEIR ARSENALS, WHILE SAUDI ARABIA WOULD FURNISH WESTERN MADE WEAPONS AND CONTRIBUTE DOLS 5 MILLION IN CASH TO PURCHASE OTHER MILITARY EQUIPMENT); (2) GOL TO RECEIVE ANOTHER DOLS 500 MILLION FROM ADC FOLLOWING FURTHER DISCUSSION AT ANOTHER ADC MEETING ALLEGEDLY TO BE HELD NEXT APRIL.

3. SAFIR ALSO CLAIMED THAT ALTHOUGH GOL DID NOT REQUEST ANY ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO REBUILD VILLAGES DESTROYED BY ISRAELI SHELLING, LIBYA PUT FORWARD PROPOSAL ON THIS SCORE AND WON UNANIMOUS APPROVAL FOR IT IN ADC.

4. COMMENT: FONMIN TAQLA IS SCHEDULED BRIEF PARLIAMENTARY DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEES IN CLOSED SESSION TODAY ON ADC RESULTS. WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW HIS REMARKS, WHICH ARE ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE LEAKED, ARE INTERPRETED IN LOCAL PRESS.

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